

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one pace." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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THINGS THAT TAKE TIME

"A Wise Man's Heart Discerneth Both Time And Judgment."

One of childhood's earliest lessons is, that very few things come to us in a hurry. Even with all the swiftness of present-day transit, it takes time to get anywhere. And very often the more important and more desirable a thing is, the longer time it will take to secure it. Even a cabbage takes a few months to mature, while some trees take scores or even hundreds of years to reach their maturity. To a child tomorrow seems a long way off, while next week is a very long way ahead; and next year is so far away it isn't worth bothering about. What children want, they want at once or not at all, and even after they learn that they must wait, they find it very hard to wait patiently.

Most of us probably imagine that we have outgrown our childhood, yet very many of us are often almost as impatient as children. It takes time to learn anything. Of course, some people are much quicker to grasp an idea than others, yet even so they must keep on learning. An expert isn't made over night. You can't make a good horse-shoer by showing him how to drive nails; a good carpenter isn't produced by a few hours work with saw and hammer, plane and chisel; a good house-keeper can't be turned out in the time it takes to perform the ceremony; scholars don't grow up in a night like mushrooms; farmers are not turned out in short six-week courses. You may take your degree in two years instead of five; you may pass twenty examinations in the time set for ten, but you don't cheat nature very much. Getting thru and getting an education are not quite synonymous terms. When laying foundations it usually pays to dig deep. It is costly and we may not have much to show for it, yet it is safer and it is really necessary for permanence.

It Takes Time To Learn

We wonder if parents and teachers realize just the implication of this. Children usually learn, but slowly. We tell them a thing and they seem to understand it and in a few minutes we have to tell them over again and we wonder how they can be so stupid. Yet probably there were things we were taught 40 years ago and we haven't learned them yet. It seems to take a whole lifetime to make a man. The preacher preaches a sermon on tithing and he thinks he has made a congregation of tithers, but he hasn't by a long way. He preaches on smuggling and thinks he has cured his people of this habit, but he may be thankful if he has made one convert.

We learn but slowly, if we learn at all. It takes time to teach anything to either children or grown-ups. It also takes time to get acquainted with people. We don't mean to learn their names and to associate their names and faces correctly. We mean, to get acquainted with them to the extent that we understand their characters sympathetically. A good many of us are proud of our ability to read character and perhaps we do make fewer mistakes than some of our neighbors, yet some of us who possibly are proudest of our ability to read the characters of men, have made awful messes of understanding sympathetically even our own children, and some of us possibly do not even yet understand our loved ones with whom we have been for over thirty or forty years. The truth is it takes time to get acquainted with people, and after we have known a person for ten or fifteen years and we think we know all about him, it often happens that he says or does something which compels us to radically re-adjust our estimate of him. It isn't easy to understand other men, and the less we judge them the better.

It takes time also to get acquainted with ourselves. Most of us flatter ourselves, that no matter how we may have misjudged others at least we understand ourselves. We are sure there is no corner of our being which we have not explored. There is no tendency of our nature of which we are not aware, and yet it is probably true of most of us that as grievous as may be our mistakes in regard to others, they are not nearly so glaring and so mischievous as our own

DEDICATION AT ELIZABETHTON

The Church is Greatly Encouraged

We have just returned from Elizabethton, Tenn., where we dedicated a new church building for the Church of God. They have a nice, new brick veneered building, also a large lot. They expect to build a parsonage at an early date.

We met some fine people and they all seemed to be greatly encouraged.

Brother G. M. McDonald was chosen as pastor for the church. He appears to be a very fine man. The people seem to love him. His wife also has the work at heart. She united with the church on Sunday night. She is a great worker and of good influence. We bespeak success for the church under their ministry.

Brother Brabson is faithfully working on his district, having twelve churches and seems to have the work at heart.

The services were well attended. We greatly enjoyed our visit with these dear brethren.—F. J. Lee.

HONOR ROLL

Opportunity Yet Open

You perhaps noticed that last week we run the names of the churches and pastors who had sent in their quota. Only forty-six came under the honor roll to date. We have received a few others, but will not give their names until others report so we may have several to show up on the honor roll.

I wish to also state that several included the church quota on the soliciting card. We have tried to explain at different times that the soliciting card was to be used by an individual for collecting money wherever he could get it, and for service rendered we would give a Bible but do not give a Bible for sending the Church quota.

We have sent out over fifty Bibles to individuals. If there are any who would like to show your appreciation of the cause of the Lord in helping in this, write for a card and get a Bible.—F. J. Lee.

HE IS A FRIEND IN TIME OF TROUBLE

On December 28th, 1927 I awoke at 3:00 o'clock in the morning and was in trouble, both of my lungs were hurting me very badly. I lay still and bore the pains as long as it seemed that I could. After our three children got off to school, I told my wife I couldn't stand it much longer, so we prayed. After we had prayed, my wife said, "Let's go to Berryton and get the saints to help us pray, so we went to Sister Kensey's home and sent for some of the saints and they came in and we all prayed. I got some better, and we prayed again, then I still felt better, so we prayed again and the dear Lord gave power to cast the demon out of me, and I certainly did feel good, because I was healed. Glory! It pays to trust the Lord for the healing of our bodies as well as our souls.

I was in trouble, and He said to call upon Him in the day of trouble and He would deliver us, then He stated further, "And thou shalt glorify me." Psal. 50:15. I promised God if He would heal me that I would write it up, so may the dear Lord bless all, is my prayer.—John Burk, Lyster, Ga.

mistakes in regard to ourselves.

And again it takes time to get acquainted with God. Some of us know no more about God than we did twenty years ago. We thought we got acquainted with Him then and we have learned little or nothing since, but others of us have had to modify the views of God which we held years ago. Love is something stronger, grander, more ending, more God-like than when we understood.

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THE SABBATH

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY

Wherefore the Lord Blessed the Sabbath Day And Honored It

"When the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day." Matt. 12:2.

The Sabbath, question is one that has troubled the minds of the Christians from very early times. So great has the agitation become that a body of people organized a church for the sole purpose of teaching the Sabbath question. And they have become so fanatical about it until they say that every one who goes to Heaven will have kept at least two Sabbath days holy. I said "fanatical" because that is just what I meant. Webster says fanatics are governed rather by imagination than by judgment, quoting Stowe. Now where in all the Bible does it say that one must keep at least two Sabbath days holy? Nowhere. Then I said "fanatical" is right, for that is their imagination only.

Someone asked me, "Do you object to folks keeping the Sabbath day holy?" My answer was, "I should say not." Then I added, "I heartily approve of it, and in addition to it, I will say that we must also keep the other six holy." But I don't find in the Scriptures that we Gentiles are commanded to pick out a certain day in the week and say that this day is better and deserves more and a deeper consecration on our part than any other day. For that reason I believe that Monday is just as good and we should be just as devoted to God on that or any other day as on Saturday or Sunday.

But go to the text: I would have you remember that Jesus was preaching and working at a time when the Jews were right in the midst of a great revival of Pharisaical strictness; and that strictness consisted of paying tithes, fasting and keeping the Sabbath.

The word "Sabbath" came from the Hebrew word, *sabab*, and from the Greek, *sabbaton*, both meaning, repose, i. e. desist from exertion, cease, etc.

The first we hear of the Sabbath was after God had worked for six days, creating the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested. At that time God did not call it the Sabbath, neither did He tell man that He must rest on that day. Then for twenty-five hundred years of

human life upon the earth there is absolutely no mention made of it. Then God told the Jews thru Moses, that tomorrow was the Sabbath, and that they must bake and seethe all they were that day, for, said Moses, tomorrow ye will not find. This shows that the Hebrew definition is correct.

The children of Israel were to cease from the work they did on other days, that is, they were not to go out and gather manna, nor bake and seethe on that day. It was made a part of the law, to be a perpetual reminder to Israel of their separation to God, and was to be a sign between them. (Scotfield).

It was intended by the Lord to be a day of complete rest and besides the burnt offering that had to be offered continually, it was not intended for a day of worship. In God's all-seeing wisdom he was only making a human provision for man's needs. It was not to be a day of exertion. In a religious service, and it was made only as the Lord Jesus said—for man. I repeat that man's resting was not a pleasure to the Lord, any more than your resting would benefit me; and I say again that it was not intended to be regarded as a day unto the Lord, even under the law; but was a simple arrangement made for the preservation of man's physical strength. Then you ask, why did God have the man stoned because he picked up sticks and made fire on the Sabbath day? The answer is simply, God had given a commandment concerning man's rest day and man had disobeyed that commandment and under the law man died without mercy under two or three witnesses. Then it can have a deeper meaning, God says that whosoever defileth this temple, him will God destroy, whether that defilement be unclean habits, eating too much, or overwork. I know that this is new, but consider and you will see it is true. However, I will say right here that most of us will never be destroyed from overwork. But we can work too much. Moses was working himself too much and his father-in-law said it was not good; and God substantiated that statement when He told Moses to harken to his father-in-law.

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SPIRITUALISM, A REALITY

Spiritualism of the Spirit, But Not of The Holy Ghost

F. J. Lee, General Overseer

Is Spiritualism a reality? It certainly is. I am going to make mention of something that will doubtless bring some more criticism. Sometimes I receive letters with no name signed. I cannot refrain giving out the truth because some man's views have been crossed.

I will say again that Spiritualism is very real. While doubtless some have palmed themselves off as being some great one, as able to perform great feats in the supernatural such as calling up the dead or talking to the spirits of those who have died, and have deluded some by performing sleight of hand tricks. While this has been often exposed, it does not prove that all is of the natural or by sleight of hand.

There is no doubt that God saw that Satan would perform supernatural feats through his agents, is why He has given so much warning against it, that His people be not deceived.

Satan hates God's people. He also abhors the works of God in this Holy Ghost dispensation. He wants to introduce his work as being Pentecostal in order to deceive and frighten people away from the genuine.

When Philip went to Samaria and preached the Gospel, God gave him great success inasmuch that many turned to God and received baptism at the hands of Philip. Simon who perhaps was a spiritualist was performing some wonderful things, and in this caused the people to proclaim him the great power of God. He saw how the people were flocking to Philip for baptism, so in order to be popular, thru policy he was also baptized. Later Peter and John went to Samaria and preached to them about the Holy Ghost baptism and the honest hearted received the Holy Ghost. Simon saw that the people were receiving some extraordinary experiences. They talked in other languages, they were more happy than those who were only saved and baptized, their faces shined brighter, they had such peace and rest, their entire lives were transformed. All this Simon could readily discern. Satan made him believe that if he had this power he could turn the people to himself, it would also make him quite a great deal of money, so he proposed to Peter to give him money for the ability to cause his subjects to act as the Pentecostal people. Peter told him, though he had believed and had been baptized, *he was in the gall of bitterness and the bonds of iniquity.*

Many Are Being Bound
Satan has tens of thousands bound with the same cords today. Oh how terrible it is! Shall we keep quiet when perhaps a word would be a warning or signal to turn some precious soul from such snares.

Supernatural feats and occurrences are seeming to attract the unsettled mind today. Thousands of parents lost their sons during the war and the influenza scourge and they have longed for some comfort and consolation as to their future abode, thus making them an easy prey to any supernatural demonstration especially if they may be allowed to hold on to their pride and wickedness.

There is no doubt that thousands of supernatural workers, mediums, etc. are in the gall of bitterness and the bonds of iniquity. They do not have to repent of their sins to become a medium. They do not have to become sanctified or have the carnal nature destroyed to become an adept in the supernatural. They may curse, smoke, chew tobacco or do most anything else and yet be a supernatural leader. This should be enough to prove to any reasonable mind which side or what order of the supernatural controls such a character.

Dangerous to Visit the Seances
We were in a great Pentecostal revival a few years ago, many were receiving the Holy Ghost. There were many wonderful experiences in the meeting. Before we were aware of what was being done the place was strewn with tracts. These tracts gave the experience of a lady who had professed holiness. She at one time decided to visit a place where it was said the people talked to the dead. She was greatly surprised to hear the voice, as she thought of her departed mother, it so captivated her (Continued on page 2)

FOOLS AND AS FOOLS

The Thought Deals with Fools and Such as are not Fools, but are as Fools

S. J. Wood

Our theme may seem a little peculiar, but since we find such a state of affairs is possible, we feel free to discuss such as are probable. Our text is found in 2d Samuel 3:33. "Died Abner as a fool dieth?" Hence, "fools and as fools."

We find that the word "fool" means one destitute of reason. The word "reason" means logical conclusions prompted by the powers of intellect. Now there are two intellects (super human), and to be void of either makes us a fool, from the standpoint of either.

Solomon said, "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes." He also says, "The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men who can render a reason." Therefore, I am, personally, a strong contender for a reason—a logical explanation.

I know that St. Paul said, "O the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God. How unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out." But Paul was having direct reference here to the goodness and mercy of God toward both Jew and Gentile in concluding them all in unbelief, that He might have mercy upon all, though He had cut the Jew off (the tame branch) and grafted in the Gentile (a wild branch) by nature. He also states that He would not have us ignorant of this mystery. Rom. 11:25-33.

Back to our theme—"Fools and as Fools." We will notice that the thought does not deal with fools entirely, but with such as are not fools, though act as, or do such things that cause them to suffer foolish consequences. Really, I do not know, but that more honor (or sympathy) rightly belongs to the person who does no better because they know no better, than the one who knows better and fails to do it or try. Solomon said, "A wise man feareth and departeth from evil, but the fool rageth and is confident." Of course, some of these are descriptions of fools. From a mental standpoint, as just stated, there is a human intellect, also a divine intellect. Some of the greatest mental intellectual giants we have are midgets and dwarfs. Fools from a divine standpoint. It was the learned Scribes from Jerusalem that came down and accused Jesus of casting out devils by Beelzebub, the prince of devils. Just think, such wise men! (?) (such ignorant fools).

Jesus said to the two on their way to Emmaus, "O, fools and slow of heart to believe all that prophets have written concerning Him." This is the one great drawback and hindrance to God's people today—refusing to believe and accept all that God's everlasting, never-failing Word declares—hence, "O, fools and slow of heart." Not exactly fools either, but "as" fools.

The man after God's own heart said, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." It may be that you haven't said that yet, but brother, when you lay aside the fundamental truths of God's everlasting, never-failing Word and allow these satanic injectors (latter day Scribes) to pump you full of this de-evolution theory, you have almost said it; you are on the verge. It's not a thing in this world but downright infidelity, dressed up in pulpity garb. It's a whited sepulchre full of dead men's bones. Somebody may say, O, I am safe there. No danger in me ever getting tangled up in such. But brethren (so to speak) there are a thousand and one other things that we can easily become a victim of and suffer as a fool would suffer, still we are no fool. The wise man said, "The little foxes spoil the vine." Abner was no fool either, but King David declared that he died as a fool at the death of King Saul. Trouble arose in Israel; trouble arose in seating King David (God's anointed) over all Israel. "And it came to pass, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David that Abner made himself strong for the house of Saul (Ishbosheth, Saul's son). Finally because of false accusations, Abner sends messengers to David, seeking (Continued on page 2)

The Dollar Drive

Composed by E. R. Noel

There were thousands attended the Assembly last year, A feast from the Lord and the business to hear; Our hearts were all thrilled, our souls made alive, And the council arranged for the "One Dollar Drive."

The Minutes were read and careful notes took, And the Committee was asked to audit the books, To try and find out as near as they could How much that we owed, or how much to the good.

So the Committee reported, I believe, the next day And said that no definite total could be had right away; But about thirty thousand I believe is what he said, And figured we should pay it at a "Dollar a Head."

A dollar a head, no less, and no more, Is all that was assessed on the rich and the poor; And to show there's Bible for assessments, it's true, Christ says to pay tribute to whom tribute is due.

A dollar dear soul, I don't figure is much, We waste more than this in candy and such— In peanuts and popcorn, sometimes a little pop, If it wasn't for these things, we would go over the top.

You know the old devil is sly as a fox, He makes us think we have to have money in box; But it is hard to get folks to trust and believe, When Christ says, It is more blessed to give than receive.

So come on with your dollar, and don't you get sore, Pay it if you have to fast, once a week or more; Pay it if you have to sell a poodle, a duck or a cat, Or a big "Plymouth Rock" that looks so nice and fat.

Dear souls, don't be a slacker in the army where they're tried, The offence is so dishonorable, the convict wants to hide; So thru the prophet God called us a people for His name, And said we would be peculiar and never be ashamed.

So pay your dollar promptly for God might shut the door, For a dollar will not make you rich, neither make you poor; You may not go to Cleveland while you're above the sod, But you will pay your dollar, if you're REAL CHURCH OF GOD.

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Editorials

We are to have our district meeting for Cleveland district, commencing April 27th. Our State Overseer, Brother H. N. Scoggins, will be present. We are looking for a good time in the Lord.

T. S. Payne, teacher of the Bible School, is now in Illinois working in the interest of the school and the Church. He expects to put in his time this summer for the school and the Publishing House. We still have with us Herbert Walker, the assistant teacher.

H. L. Whittington and John L. Stephens were the winners in the contest for subscriptions for the Evangel, which closed in March. We earnestly solicit the hearty cooperation of all of our people in getting subscriptions for the Evangel as that is one way to help the Publishing House.

Remember the cry of the orphans. We have fifty odd children in the homes who have to be fed and clothed. Anything that you have by way of fruit, vegetables and clothing will be highly appreciated. The Bible says when we give to the poor we lend to the Lord. No better work could be done than to shelter, feed and clothe these little helpless children. We have applications for many more than we are able to feed and clothe, but we pray that the Lord will help on these lines and the time will come when we will not have to turn away any of those who need our help. We earnestly request the prayers of the people everywhere that God will help us and that the work at this place will be carried on for His glory.

We have recently ordered a supply of Children's Day programs, which are listed below:

The Beautiful City	8c
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The Goodness of the Lord	7c
A Day of Happiness	8c
His Wonderful Love	8c
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A Crown for Mother	8c
Mothers Love	8c
To My Mother	8c
Mother	8c

A book also for Easter, Parents' Day, Children's Day, Rally Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, and Missionary Day combined, for 25 cents.

We appreciate the hearty cooperation that our people have shown since we have been in this office. If you will just work a little harder and let us have all your job work, we are sure of success for this year. It is stated by the bookkeepers that the month of March surpassed all other months in sales and collections for the Publishing House, for which we give the Lord all the glory.

Please remember that we have Bibles and all kinds of good books that we think would be wholesome and instructive for our people. Our tracts are printed by the thousand and sold below actual cost in order to get the Gospel to the world. We have a supply of tracts; a few new ones; only 25c per hundred. We could not afford to print them for that only by large numbers, ten, twenty or thirty thousand, and you would do a great work to order these tracts and distribute them among your friends. I received a letter from one party who had found a little slip of paper from the Publishing House, telling about Jesus and His love, and from that time he was impressed to turn to the Lord. There is no telling the good you might do by scattering tracts among people.

We claim that Jesus Christ has entered deeply into all the lines of emotion and intellects that now so adorn our century. Young Christians meet today to commune with Him. It is well, but He communed with your country, your literature and your arts, long before you came upon the scene of action. He began to shine in the human hearts and to reshape it long ago. He shaped the holy hymns which our fathers sang. He stood by the children of Israel while they sang their songs in the wilderness. He has communed with all the centuries since His advent. He has permeated hearts with a pure, lofty spirit. Mother and child have knelt in the prayers by His example and request. The mightiest intellects have shaped their philosophies in the light of Christ, and the old and dying have tried to go away from earth with some of this Savior's words upon their lips.

If I might comprehend Jesus Christ, I could not believe upon Him and He would be no greater than myself. Such is my conscience of self and ability, that I must have a super-human Savior.

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a league. The arrangements are made and the terms of agreement are reached. Abner goes out seeking the Elders of Israel, communing with them. Ye sought for David in time past to be king over you, now then do it. So Abner communicated back and forth and the result was—Abner came to David in Hebron and twenty men (Elders and leaders) and David made Abner and the men a feast. Abner said, "I'll go again and bring all Israel unto thee that they may make a league with thee, that thou mayest reign over all that thine heart desireth, and David sent Abner away and he went in peace. But there was trouble ahead, as it is sometimes with us at the least expected place. Joab, full of revenge and envy, on his return from pursuing a troop, hears of the league; resents the plan; steps aside and secretly sends messengers to call Abner back. He hastens back, ignorant of his danger, and many times we allow ourselves to be ignorant of Satan's devices when we should have our senses exercised to discern. Remember this city of Hebron is a city of refuge, but the protection was inside the walls. Joab lurks around the gate, finally he sees Abner coming, feeling fine no doubt, delighted with his success; and confident of greater, he approaches. Had he had his senses exercised to discern the surroundings, he could have avoided the awful fate, and so could we, many times. Joab took him aside in the gate (deceitful, sure) and there he smote him under the fifth rib. Ah, God help us to avoid evil and seek our refuge inside the gate of God's fixed place. The blow is dealt, his doom is sealed, his chances were good, but what of now? and many times with us, we have failed to watch, we have failed to pray; we have failed to stand squarely for our convictions. Ah brother, is it you I am talking to? I have known of such cases. Some poor Abner died as a fool died. A price, a great man fell in Israel and nobody to blame but them and the devil, and David lamented the death of Abner and said, Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters. We might notice the characteristics of this man. He was a man of power and ability, of influence and persuasion. He secures peace with David and his kingdom, begins to go out and preach the Gospel of peace to his fellowmen and unity of the kingdom, and Satan's regiments are mustered immediately.

Satan today of course is opposed to all that pertains to God and His cause, whether it pertains to the peace with God or the kingdom of God, but say Brother, he (the devil) knows he has but a while left, and he knows that God's Church (the Kingdom of God or of Heaven) is now His greatest foe, and that its purpose and great mission is to bring all spiritual Israel together into the one mighty kingdom of God and Heaven, (the Church of God), therefore, the most deadly weapons of defense that he can invent are being brought into his service, and after all other means of prevention are overworked, he has one more that will still work some more. (Joab and Abner). Brother rising against brother, cutting and slashing, and every time he can get this kind of a commotion started, somebody is wounded; somebody gets a death blow under the fifth rib. The case of Joab and Abner was a case of revenge and jealousy, and brother, the devil still has his eyes on these tools, especially the last one mentioned—jealousy.

But let us, as ambassadors of and for the Kingdom of Christ and His Church go in abreast; hand in hand, heart to heart, after God's own people, both those that have obtained peace with Him and those who have not. I don't want to be dogmatic about the Church of God. I know there are thousands, yes hundreds of thousands of people now who have the baptism of the Holy Ghost that are not members of the Church of God (organic) and would go up should He appear in midair just now with a shout, but say, we do not believe He is coming just now, nor tomorrow, for there is coming a falling away first. The man of sin is going to be revealed more and more; the mystery in iniquity will abound greater. Now some reader may find fault with my placing of these prophecies, if so, help yourself. That is one privilege

The best enjoyment of Christ on earth is but as the dip of our finger in water for the cooling of our thirst, but Heaven is bathed in seas of this. Even so our love here is but one drop of the same substance, as the waters of the ocean. O how sweet it will be to be married to the Lord Jesus, and to enjoy forever, without any interruption, the heavenly delight of His society. The full presence of Him will be enough to burn up with affection. It will be that we will have more noble frames in Heaven than we have here, otherwise we should die of love in the very land of light. It is the highest stage of manhood to have no wish, no thought, no desire, but Christ; to feel that to die were a blessing if it were for Christ; that to live in penury, woe, scorn, contempt and misery were sweet if for Christ: to feel that it matters not what becomes of one's self, so that our Master be exalted; to feel that though like a sere leaf we were blown in the blast, we are quite careless whither we are going so long as we feel that the Master's hand is guiding us according to His will, and rather to feel that though like the diamond, we must be exercised with sharp tools, yet we care nothing how sharply we may be cut so that we may be made fit to adorn His crown.

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Pharisees were awfully strict about keeping the Sabbath and Jesus asked them, Is it lawful to do that which is good on the Sabbath or any other day? and further intimating that it is better to do good on the Sabbath than not to do it at all. So for that reason only I believe that it is a good thing to have one day each week set apart, not as a Sabbath in the sense of the Mosaic law, but that people may come together to worship the Lord in religious services, a thing wholly unknown in the law commandment. There are so many who will not do good on the other six days that if they can be trained to attend church on Sunday, may be they can be touched by the Spirit then, to them, as to everyone who has a touch from Him, every day will be holy, and good will predominate their lives all the time. The Pharisees were willing that a sufferer should endure another day of pain and agony, that the Sabbath be not broken; but Jesus saw in it only the opportunity to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf, and to save the sinner. TO HIM THE SABBATH WAS LIKE ALL OTHER DAYS for He did the same work on that day that He did on any other, only, if any difference He did more on the Sabbath.

I would have you hear the answer Jesus gave the Pharisees, Matt. 12:3. But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was not hungry, and they that were with him; how he entered into the house of God and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but for the Priests? This is of great importance to us, in enlightening us on the Sabbath question. David was a type of Jesus. He had been anointed King by God's messenger, Samuel, and had been rejected by the majority of the people, because the regime then in power rejected him and he did that which was not lawful, in eating the shewbread.

Jesus was sent to be the King of the Jews. They had rejected Him because the religious regime then in power rejected Him. Jesus means to convey this idea to them that I, like David was anointed to be your king, by God's own messenger and like David I have been rejected, so your ordinances do not mean anything to me or the family that I shall afterwards have." For in Matthew 11:28 after He had predicted judgment upon the principal cities of Jewry for rejecting Him, He gives the new message. Not this time a message of the kingdom for the Jews, but a message of personal and individual discipleship, when He says, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give YOU rest." Again He gives the Jews to understand that He has turned His back upon them as a nation. In the 48th and 50th verses of Matthew, 12th chapter when He says, "Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? Behold my mother and my brethren. For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in Heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother." These were cutting remarks against the keeping of the Jewish ordinances, of which keeping the Sabbath was one, and the Jews understood them better by far, than many of we Gentiles.

So when James, gave his sentence in Acts 15:19, he did not act without a precedent, but he must have based his decision upon the action of Jesus, when he said, For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us, TO LAY UPON YOU NO GREATER BURDEN than these necessary things; that ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication; from

that you have in this world—thinking as you please. I do not profess to be a great scholar in prophecy, but I do honestly believe one thing, and that is, regardless of your baptism now and power with God, before the catching away of the Bride of Christ, the trials, tribulations and persecutions are going to be such that all of the baptized saints of God are going to "get in or get out," that is, they will see and flock together into Spiritual Israel's kingdom or else refuse, rebel and go down and fall to go up. Some people are fools and some are "as" fools. We may seem to see quite a difference in the two now, but finally we do not see much difference in the consequence of the two. Amen.

which if ye keep yourselves YE SHALL DO WELL. Acts 15:28, 29. If abstaining from the things above mentioned, is doing well, I have only one little quotation to make—"Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9. Notice please that quotation is given in the next verse after we are told how to sow to the Spirit. Going back to the 15th chapter of Acts, let us notice how Peter understands the matter. "When there had been much disputing, Peter rose up and said, Men and brethren, ye know that a good while ago God made choice among us that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the Gospel and believe. And God which knoweth the hearts bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as He did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. Now therefore WHY TEMPT YE GOD, TO PUT A YOKE UPON THE NECK OF THE DISCIPLES, WHICH NEITHER OUR FATHERS NOR WE ARE ABLE TO BEAR? But we believe that THROUGH THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WE SHALL BE SAVED, EVEN AS THEY." Acts 15:7-11. Peter must have learned his lesson under Jesus for he was one of the Lord's most earnest followers; and here we understand that to bring the Gentiles under the law of Moses, would be tempting God, and keeping the Sabbath was included in that law, or as Peter calls it, "A yoke." He had not forgotten what the Lord said in Matthew 11:29, 30. "Take my yoke upon you and learn of ME; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. FOR MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT." And Peter knew that the yoke of the law and keeping the Sabbath was not the yoke that Jesus was speaking about, for as Peter says in Acts 15:10 the yoke some were trying to put on the Gentiles was such that neither they nor their fathers were able to bear it. Just the opposite to the yoke of Jesus. Contrast them—the yoke of the law; heavy, so that no one was able to bear it; the yoke of Jesus—light so that we can have rest even while we bear it.

No, the Sabbath was not, is not and never will be in a commandment for we Gentiles to keep and honor above any other day. The rest for us will be found in Isaiah 28:11, 12. "For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest." There will be a time, according to the prophets and according to the statement of James in Acts 15:16. "After this I will return and build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down and I will build again the ruins thereof and I will set it up again. At that time the Jews will keep the Sabbath and the keeping of it shall have Divine sanction. A divine sanction it has not had since Jesus turned His back upon the Jews and offered His yoke to whosoever would come to Him, found in Matthew 11:28. But I would have you to remember the thing that will gain God's approval of keeping the Sabbath, will be the accepting of Jesus, by the Jews as their King. "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not of works (such as being circumcised, keeping the Sabbath etc.) lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8, 9.

Thank God there can be no better than thus, from keeping the law, but we are, like the other fellow who prayed, "God be merciful unto me, a sinner." So when we get our pardon, we know it is by the grace of God. Amen. (Correspondence solicited)—S. F. Beard, Box 2511, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

AN ECHO FROM THE BATTLEFIELD

A year ago this winter we had the first Church of God, or good old religious meeting out here in our neighborhood. It was conducted by Sister Josephine Walker. Fifteen or sixteen souls came forward, confessed their sins to the Lord and started out in His service. Many old Christians were refreshed and built up in their faith.

Since then some have backslidden, but some are standing firm for the Lord. This winter Sister Walker received the call to come to N. Dak. again, it seemed that God saw her need for help and sent out another sister, Mrs. Goldie Fraunze, who is also a soul full of fire in the Master's service.

God has blessed the work wonderfully. Souls have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and only the Lord knows what good results will be seen later. A Sunday School has been organized and the attendance is good. We depend on the Lord who gives grace for everything. Pray for the work here and for the good workers who have been sent out in this corner.—A reader of the good Evangel.

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SPIRITUALISM, A REALITY

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that she at once decided that it must be of God. She completely submitted her life to the Spiritualist leaders and became a great medium. She would be moved upon by a great power, she would take a pencil and paper and write wonderful messages, not knowing what she was writing until she read it. The messages were often found to be words of prophecy. Many thought she like Simon was the great power of God. One day while walking along, she was greatly surprised when God showed her that she was demon possessed. God spoke to her and told her that it was not His power working upon her, but the power of Satan, and that the dead were not talking to her.

A More Sure Word of Prophecy
Many people became fearful of Pentecostal experiences because they had seen some act in the same manner this woman had acted.

The facts are this woman had been sanctified but had gotten into bad company. This is why I say it is very dangerous to visit such places. If one has not a very strong willpower they are likely to be overcome by wicked spirits.

Thousands are deluded today just because they heard a supernatural voice that seemed to be the voice of a departed mother or some other loved one.

Peter, James and John saw a wonderful vision on the mount at the transfiguration. They heard a voice from Heaven, but that voice was not a voice of a departed relative but the voice of God.

Peter referred to this event about thirty years later. He made mention of the voice and the glorious occasion but said "we have a more sure word of prophecy." This is why we refuse to pay any attention to the so-called voice of the dead.

It may be that God sometimes gives visions of certain things of the past or future, but as far as anyone seeing or hearing their beloved dead speaking is contrary to the Word of God.

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NO IDEA OF TURNING BACK

VANCE, Miss.—I want to sound a note of praise to the Lord for some things He has done for me, but it would be impossible for me to mention all He has done for me. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the precious Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. This was in 1909, and the Comforter still abides. Praise the name of Jesus! The way grows sweeter and brighter to me all the time, and I have never been the least bit tired of the way and have never had the least idea of turning back at any time. Praise the Lord!

The Lord has healed me many times, and has carried me thru many dark trials, but He has never failed me, and I want to say that we will never fail to get results when we pray earnestly for there is much in that word "earnestly." He has healed our baby twice this winter when it was very sick. I want the saints everywhere to pray for this place, as it is a new place.—Mrs. L. J. Alexander, Rt. 1.

Wife Grateful For Husband's Healing

Following is an account of a miracle of healing.

My husband was ill and his mind was so bad we had to lock the door to keep him in the house. The man who took care of him had to trip him to get him in bed. He had six fits one day and five another day, and it looked like he would die.

I fasted two days one week and all the next week except four meals, and I fasted two days the third week. We were praying all this time for him to be healed. It certainly looked like he would die.

I sent for the Church of God people to come and help me pray for him. It rained that night and they didn't come, so I got down on my knees and asked God to heal him. I knew there was a person who had something against me and I told the Lord if He would heal my husband I would go and confess that fault to that person. So God poured out the great healing power and my husband was healed instantly.

I want this printed to give others light of healing. I praise God for the Holy Ghost, and the Church of God.

My husband had a dream while he was ill. He dreamed that he crossed over a stream of water and a man came and asked him where he was going. He told the man he was going home, and the man said they were not ready for him yet, but wanted him to go back and pay tithes to the church. My husband said he would do as he told him and go back and pay the tithes. And he saw a great crowd of people waving their hands for him to come on.

Mrs. Amanda Roberts, Lenoir City, Tenn.

LET'S ALL DO OUR BEST

CLEVELAND, Tenn.—To all the dear saints scattered abroad, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I truly thank the Lord that this evening finds me still saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost abides. I thank the Lord for ever giving me the light on His blessed Word and leading me into the Church of God. I belong to the Church of God at Williamsburg, Ky. I have been at Cleveland, Tenn., for about sixteen months. About two weeks ago I was praying about one o'clock in the night and the Lord impressed me to write this, as I am here and know that Brother Lee and Brother Latimer have great responsibilities and heavy burdens.

The Word of God says for us to help bear one another's burdens and now if just one dollar from each member would pay off the indebtedness of the Church, I think that each member should feel it a duty that they owe God and the Church, and try to do this. Surely there isn't a member who can't pay just one dollar. You may be poor, I am too, but I do think that we ought to get this on our minds and hearts, and put forth an effort. If you have to sacrifice to do this, the Lord will surely bless you the more for it.

Now dear reader, please read the second chapter of James, pray about this and do just what you think the Lord would have you do. I earnestly covet your prayers that I may be just what the Lord would have me be at all time.—Your sister in Christ.—Mrs. Bertha Bryant.

GOD IS BLESSING IN N. C.

Sunday, March 4th was a wonderful day in the Lord, made so by the presence of the Lord. Shouts, praises and dancing was enjoyed by the saints at the morning service. The evening service at Landis, a few miles away, was good. Several were blessed, one received the baptism. Then we went back to the church for young people's meeting at 6:45. The young people here are on their job—willing workers. I believe we have a larger number of young people in the Church here than could be found in any other church in the state.

Brother E. D. Melton of Greenville, N. C. was visiting with us and brought the message Sunday night. At the close of his message the Holy Ghost gave the altar call. The altar was soon filled and chairs were put in the aisle until all the room that could be, was taken. Several fell under the power. One little girl while lying under the power, gave out a message to come out from under the bondage of sin for Jesus is coming soon. Many other messages were given.

The revival continued for fourteen days. Brother Melton did the preaching. Twenty-four were saved, eighteen sanctified, eight received the Holy Ghost and four were reclaimed. Others were blessed which we did not count. Eleven were added to the church, making thirty-four additions since the Assembly. Anyone wanting a meeting would make no mistake in securing the help of Brother Melton. He can be reached at the above address. Anyone passing through, stop and see us.—J. M. Snyder, Box 597, Kannapolis, N. C.

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Selected Sayings

By Roy E. Blackwood

There is no danger of getting too much religion, if you mix a little common sense with it.

The hardest battles we have to fight is with ourselves.

Put a giraffe in the pulpit, and the lambs will starve to death.

Some people never listen to the voice of God, until it speaks to them from a coffin.

Success in this world very often means failure in the next one.

Every man who knows that sin is wrong, knows enough to find God.

Nothing pays a poorer interest on the investment than wearing a long face.

The recording angel never seeks information from a gravestone.

The dangerous thing about a little sin is that it will not stay little.

The devil's mail-bag is a scandal-monger's mouth.

The more noise a man makes in politics, the more down he is on excitement in religion.

We need more of that kind of charity that makes us think well of the person who differs with us.

Our church members are insistent that they shall be happy, but they have little concern that they shall be holy.

On all sides the Gospel is supplanted by political harangues, or moral essays.

So many saints would have their feelings saved at any cost, and their souls saved at no cost.

When you see preachers dictating to statesmen how to run the government, these brethren have severe cases of meddler's itch, and need a good dose of mourner's bench.

Infidelity may throw stones at the Bible, but it cannot say a word against a godly life.

The devil does not care much for our profession, but what he is afraid of is our possession.

What a man lacks in brains, he always makes up in prejudice.

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We Must Shun Worldly Pleasures

FITZGERALD, Ga.—I have been thinking for sometime I would write a few words to the Evangel and tell of how our blessed Savior has blessed us. O how I praise Him that one day I gave up everything to live for Him. He then saved me from my sins and I'm glad that I can now trust Him with my body when I get sick. He is my physician at all times. Heb. 2:3 says, How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation which at first began to be spoken of by the Lord and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him.

Dear friends, we find that the trouble with so many people is they neglect the welfare of their souls; they are too much carried away with the things of this world, neglecting the great salvation which the Lord has for them. Ah how sad to think when death's cold hands come to carry them to meet the Lord and hear Him say, "Depart ye wicked, I know ye not." All because they let worldly pleasures drag them down to that place of torment.

Brother Culpepper, our State Overseer is planning to be with us during our revival in June, and we earnestly ask all the saints everywhere to pray that God will send a sweeping revival through old Fitzgerald and many souls will be brought out of darkness into the marvelous light of the highway of holiness. We have been having some good meetings, the Lord surely meets with us and we can feel His presence. Our pastor, Brother J. A. Hipps is preaching the full Gospel and holding up Jesus to this lost world. The Lord is working many miracles of healing right here in our midst. We saw the Lord heal one sister last Sunday when the doctors had given her up and said she would never be off her bed again, but the Lord heard and answered prayers and she was instantly healed and shouted the victory. Well, it is just like Jesus. I have a greater determination to press on toward the mark of the prize of the high calling.—Mrs. Julia Mayo, 416 E. Oconee St., Fitzgerald, Ga.

REQUESTS

I am herewith requesting prayer of all the saints that I may be healed of my afflicted side and back. I have been a member of the Church of God about a year. Everyone pray that I may receive the Holy Ghost.—A subscriber.

Please pray that I may have the joys of salvation restored unto me. I have been backslidden about six months. Your unworthy sister.—Mrs. Pearl Rains, De Queen, Ark.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that the Lord will completely heal me, if it is His will. I am very weak. I have heart failure and am trusting God for my entire healing. I ask that you pray also that I may receive the Holy Ghost.—Gladys Johnson, Harlan, Ky.

I desire an interest in your prayers for the healing of my body. I thank the Lord for what He has done for me already, but I want entire healing from the Lord. I know God

NOTICES & SPECIALS

Notice is hereby given that W. D. Uhlman and wife who came into the church at Miami, are no longer members of the Church of God. It was stated that they had a tent and were ready for service, but as they could not agree with the doctrine of the Church of God, the church at Miami dropped them from its roll. We are glad that the Church of God is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, therefore, we can sing, "We will not be removed." She will be a protection to all who will come under her teachings and live up to the requirements of God's Word.—Yours for the Master's service, J. P. Hughes.

Notice to the Church of God saints scattered abroad: Anyone knowing the whereabouts of J. B. Burrell, please notify me at once.

Notice is given by the church at Lawton, Okla. that this man is not a Church of God minister. Brother M. L. Lowe of Big Timber, Mont. also warns the Church people against this man.—D. W. Haworth, Lawton, Okla.

We are starting a revival at the Church of God at Anniston, Ala. Sunday the 22d and we would like for all the nearby churches to come over and help us. You people of Gray Hill, Zion, Hurricane and Crumley's Chapel and Jacksonville, come over and help us. We have secured the service of our State Evangelist, Brother Earl Paulk to run the meeting for us and if you want to hear some real Church of God preaching, come over.—W. T. Nelson, pastor.

The Church of God at Ravia, Okla. wants to know the whereabouts and the spiritual condition of the following members:

Mrs. Enmon, Charlie Smith, Eula Smith, Jim Smith, Mrs. Alma Russell, Mrs. Lydia Wade, Mrs. L. G. Scrogins.

We especially request that the above members respond to this notice immediately, as we are going to revise our church record, also you are requested to keep in touch with the church of which you are a member and let them know how you are getting along spiritually. We have just put a notice in the paper before, but have failed to get any information as to the members mentioned above, so if we fail to get any reply within thirty days, we are going to drop your membership. Your pastor, C. W. Kerce.

To the members of the Church of God at Gastonia, N. C.:

As we do not know the address of all members of Gastonia church, who live away, to write them personally, we thought it would be good to send a short notice thru the Evangel, hoping all may read this and respond to our call. You already know about the one dollar per member plan, but perhaps you do not know who to send your one dollar to. We have it started here and are going fine. We expected to have our quota up by Easter Sunday, but failed, so we are still pushing it and expecting more dollars to come in, so all the members of Gastonia who have not paid their one dollar, remember we are waiting on you, so we can send your dollar in with the rest. Do not be slothful, if you want to see your star disappear soon. The ones away who cannot come and bring your dollar, please send it to the writer, as I have charge of this work, and will give you credit for it. And the members who live close, hurry on with yours. Do not be the last one giving. We have near \$30.00 already, but cannot stop there, with the membership we have at Gastonia. Hurry! Hurry! Let's get our quota. Thy sister, Mrs. Roy E. Blackwood, General Delivery, Gastonia, N. C.

To the many that send handkerchiefs to me to be anointed and prayed over for the healing of their bodies, send to Pinson Fork, Ky., as I am stationed here. Also there are some who want to know where I am located so that they may bring their sick to be prayed for. I am ten miles from Williamson, West Virginia, on Pond Creek. Take a train to Williamson and get a bus to Pinson Fork, Ky., and most any taxi or bus driver will bring you to my home. And if you bring your sick, like they did to Peter, they will go away healed. "And believers were the more added unto the Lord, multitudes both of men and women inasmuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter, passing by might overshadow some of them, and heal them." If you bring your sick with this much faith, you will be healed. Also God is still healing thru handkerchiefs. So may the Lord heal the sick and afflicted ones.—Your brother in the Master's service, L. G. Rouse, Pinson Fork, Ky.

This is to notify the Church of God at Whiteside, Tenn. that we will have Home Coming Day the 1st Sunday in May.

day in May. We will have all day service, with dinner on the ground, also communion service and feet washing that night. Everybody come and bring your friends. Everybody welcomed, come and bring a big basket of dinner. We are expecting a good time in the Lord.—F. H. Irwin, Whiteside, Tenn.

I should like to know the address of the following persons: Mrs. Della Stone and Mrs. A. M. Phillips. If either of the mentioned parties notice this, I would be glad you would communicate with me, as I want to get in touch with you. Nettie Hanvey, Box 166, McColl, S. C.

This is to notify every member of the Church of God on the Crockett District that our district convention and conference will convene May 5th and 6th at the Lone Oak church. We are expecting our State Overseer, Brother E. W. Williams with us, and want every member to be present or send in a written statement about their spiritual condition.—S. W. Hamilton, District Overseer and pastor.

The Church of God at Marks, Miss. wishes to announce an all day service May 13th, which is Mother's Day. We will have a Children's program in the morning, dinner will be served, preaching and singing in the afternoon. Everybody is invited to come and bring dinner. Come expecting a grand time in the Lord.—(Miss) Cora Wells, clerk, Marks, Miss.

The Church of God at Odessa wants to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: George Cowpell, Susie (Clark) Price, Fannie Reams, Mrs. R. V. Sharp, Luvenia Jones, also you are requested to send your one dollar to help pay the debt at headquarters. Please let me hear from you at once.—(Mrs.) Riley Strickland, clerk, Rt. 1, Box 10, Jesup, Ga.

WANTED.—A good musician to play piano or good with guitar. Must be able to lead singing. Man or woman. Write Brother Boyd Hart, Pennington Gap, Va.

Our next assembly of preachers for Northwest Alabama will be held May 22d and 23d at the Tusculum church. We want to meet all the ministers and officials and lay members in reach of this place at the above mentioned time. These meetings are proving very beneficial and spiritual, especially do we want the ministry to attend. While up in that section I want to visit all the churches in the district. I notice over half the churches in Alabama are not reporting to the State Overseer as outlined by the Assembly. I don't know whether you are dead or alive. Surely all live churches will try to live up to the teaching of the Assembly. I want all the pastors to see that your clerks do this and if they will not report, get a clerk that will. Report whether you have any tithes or not so I can keep in touch with you. I want to help you and work in harmony with you. So we can only do this by living up to the rulings of the Assembly. I want to again call the attention of the pastors to the mission assessments. The treasurers report shows but very little sent in and many of the churches have sent none. R. E. Aldridge, Boaz, Ala. is the state treasurer. Come on now and let's measure up in Alabama and then we can shout good at the Assembly.—S. J. Heath, Overseer.

Remember the Home Coming Day at Lake Wales, Fla., the second Sunday in May (the 13th). Everybody invited, come and bring your basket and stay all day. We are expecting a great feast from the Lord. We want to see someone from all the churches in the District.—W. R. Whidden, W. W. Whittenor, H. R. Corley.

There will be a Home Coming Day at the Church of God at Abernethy, Alabama, on the 3d Sunday in May, (the 20th). We would like for every member to be present that can, we want at least some from every church. Come and help us make this a wonderful day for the Church at Abernethy. We will look for our State Overseer to come and be with us on that day. Everybody is welcome. Bring a basket of dinner, and come expecting a blessing from the Lord.—Mrs. Annie Cagle, clerk.

NEVER TIRES FIGHTING SIN

GLOVER, Okla.—I am praising our great Healer tonight for victory. I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The Lord has healed me many times.

I am pastoring a little band of saints, about thirty-five, here at Glover and I want to say the Pentecostal fire is surely burning. I never get tired of fighting sin and the devil.

We should not let down on the Word of God. I mean to preach it straight regardless of cost. I thank the Lord for a nice little tabernacle to worship in, and it is paid for. Pray for us here.—Yours in the Master's service, Austin Thronberry.

Are You Deceived?

MARIETTA, Ga.—I want to sound a note of praise for my blessed Redeemer through this dear little paper. I notice that the first copy of the Evangel was printed March 1st. On March 1st was when I received the most wonderful treasure in all the world—and that was, the Holy Ghost. I would not give the sweet peace that the Comforter has afforded me the past year, for a deed to this world.

The further I go in this way, the sweeter it gets, and the greater is my determination to go over the top. At the time I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, my body was so weak that I was not able to do anything. I had not been able to attend church very often for many years. I read my Bible a great deal and read where Jesus said, "And I will pray the Father and He shall give you another comforter, that He may abide with you forever." I wanted that comforter and began to pray for it. Just as soon as I gave up all for the Lord and let Him have His way with me, the precious blood was applied to my heart and the temple was made clean and the Comforter came in and gave me the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues.

I did not know anything about the Church of God or the way of holiness, but I read further where it said that when the Comforter is come, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things. I belong to the Church of God now and am praising God for this highway of holiness, and am also praising Him for His power to heal our bodies. I am glad to say that He has touched my body and made me able to go out and hear His true Gospel preached. I ask everyone of God's children who read this to pray for the Lord to continue to strengthen my body, if it be His will, and to give me more faith, that I may stay humble and always do the will of my Father, that He can work thru me to His own glory. Please pray for my husband and three daughters. I surely want to see more of the young people coming this way. I regret that I gave my young life to the devil, when the Lord had need of me, and He wants us to serve Him all the days of our life. I had been a member of the Baptist church for thirty years and thought I could not live without sinning a little. If anyone who reads this is being deceived by the devil as I have been these many years, just read John 3:8, 9. I trust this may help some dear reader.—Mrs. C. W. Ruff.

A Great Revival

CAMBRIDGE, Md.—A revival is now in progress at this place, as great a revival as I have been in for ten years. Brother Fred B. Marine and wife and some other workers began this work last July 1927. The revival spirit has never abated from that time until now, however, a few weeks the meeting only continued Tuesday, Friday and Sunday nights—until the church was built. Since that time, the meeting has been in full sway every night.

About thirty-five had already swept into the kingdom and found themselves safely housed in the Church of God. Since that time the revival has been in progress for about two months. About thirty more have received the Holy Ghost and last night they came into the Church of God. The altar is filled most every night. There is no end in sight for its close. We have an excellent Sunday School. Often we have one hundred or more in attendance. We are learning to sing and pray, shout and talk in tongues. The people in this city seem to be greatly stirred. This is a new field and the people seem to be very anxious to get into the light of the Gospel.

The work at Baltimore, Md. is taking on new proportions. We are now in a nice church building at the corner of 35th St. and Old York Road. Sister Clara A. Mullikin is taking charge of the work there. She is a real mother in Israel. The revival spirit is falling there. We are looking for a great landslide this year in Maryland. There are many cities in the State of Maryland where this Gospel has never been preached and there are many open doors. The harvest truly is great here.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

Many times through the day a thought comes to me... Have I done my best for Jesus and is He pleased with me?

Have I stood all the tests and trials of the day? Have I walked every step in the straight and narrow way?

Have I helped some sinner make their peace with God? Have I shown to them the way they should have trod?

Have I prayed today as a Christian ought to do? Have I done my very best and to Him have I been true?

Have I helped some weary traveler their heavy burden bear? Have I been patient, gentle, loving and kind?

Have I borne the cross with Jesus every hour of the day? Have I done my very best for Him? Have I said what He'd have me say?

Have I consecrated myself, to Him and said, "Dear Lord I'm thine. Help me to give my best for Thee, now and for all time?"

Helen L. Clements, Baltimore, Md.

Entire Sanctification

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—I want to praise the Lord through the Evangel for Jesus, and what He is to me. I praise Him for being saved and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, also added to the Church of God and have a mind to go on. Glory to God!

The Church of God is coming to the front in Pittsburgh. We have gone through some very hard tests in Pittsburgh. The law came in on us in large numbers and brought the patrol to haul us down. The power fell, some got the Holy Ghost and some were sanctified. The policemen got in their machine and went back to the jail without taking anyone. We give God the glory for what He has done. He said in Matt. 16:18, "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." I thank God for a Bible sanctification that the devil cannot take. Sanctification is to some folks like some preachers' clothes, they wear them on "certain occasions." Heb. 2:11. Paul gives light on Bible sanctification, both he that sanctifies and they who are sanctified are all one. The same Bible sanctification that makes us pay tithes will make us come to Rom. 16:16, if we are white or colored, because Bible sanctification says we are all one. Matt. 4:4. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." James 2:10. "For whosoever shall keep the whole law and get offended in one point, he is guilty of all. Head sanctification will not let us come to all the Bible—only part of it. Gal. 6:7 says, "be not deceived, God is not mocked." So Bible sanctification will make Church of God folks ONE, North, South, East and West, regardless of nationality. Folks, the time is too short, the coming of Christ is at hand. We must move up or we will stop progressing, Christ is coming the second time without sin unto salvation. We desire that a Church of God preacher come to Pennsylvania—someone who is standing for the Church of God. We need help. We desire the prayers of the saints everywhere. Pray for us that the Lord will continue to work in Pittsburgh.—G. Byrd, pastor.

and the laborers are few. We are praying to the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His vineyard.—M. S. Lemons, Cambridge, Md.

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OBITUARIES

STEPHENS

On February 17, 1928 at 4:00 o'clock the death angel visited Brother and Sister Stephen's home and called their darling baby boy, Robert Lee Stephens to be with Jesus. He was born December 29th, 1919, making him 8 yrs. old. He was a dear little boy and loved to go to Sunday School. Just before he passed away, his mother asked him if he was ready to go, if Jesus should call him, his answer was, "Yes mamma." And he showed that he was ready to go. We sorrow not as those who have no hope. Our friends and loved ones are passing away. Little Robert was called to that beautiful home where suffering and sorrow can never more come.

Although he was so kind and good, And did his parents love; He now is up there where we can all go, Around the great white throne above.

One by one, our Lord doth gather Choice flowers which He has sown. Yes to shine out for Him in Heaven, We are truly everyone His own.

Little Robert was a bud in the garden, To brighten the kingdom above; For the Lord said, of such was the kingdom; In that beautiful Heaven of love.

Dear father, mother, brothers and sisters, let's be ready, When Jesus comes or calls; To go to meet O so many loved ones, I want to meet them all.

Brother Guss Scott conducted the burial service at the home in Sulphur Springs, then they took the little body out to Lutz cemetery where it was laid away to await the coming of Jesus. One who loved little Robert.—Mrs. W. R. Shaw, Tampa, Fla.

WILLIAMS

On Feb. 14th, 1928 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cepers Williams and claimed their darling little boy, born Sept. 1926, and who departed this life February 14th at 4:00 o'clock p. m., 1928. A precious one from us has gone. O we will miss him so greatly. He was loved by all who knew him, for he had a sweet smile for everyone. Our loss is Heaven's gain. We do not sorrow as those who have no hope. Little Sammie, you have left us in this world below, But thy memory we will cherish as through life we go.

Dear daddy and mother, do not weep,

For little Sammie is fast asleep.

Dear daddy and mother remember little Sammie, As he told you two "Bye, bye." And keep the commandments of Jesus, So you can meet him in the skies.

Little sisters, remember little brother, As he cannot play with you any more; But remember your dear loving Savior, And meet Sammie on Heaven's bright shore.

One who loved him, his aunt.—Mrs. Lula Collins.

SWAIN

Mrs. D. E. Swain was born Nov. 12, 1872 and died Jan. 7, 1928. She was married to J. F. Swain December 31, 1891. She professed faith in Christ in her early life and later became a member of the Church of God, obtaining the blessings of the Lord and living a true and devoted Christian life. She was a true wife and loving mother.

She leaves to mourn her loss a husband and ten children besides a host of friends and loved ones, the youngest child being sixteen years old. Her body was laid to rest in the family cemetery at Huddleston, Va., and we are looking forward to the morning of the first resurrection, to meet her in the air.—Her pastor, F. W. Anderson.

MERRITT

Brother Evan C. Merritt was born Dec. 18th, 1891 in Sumter County, Florida. He was married to Miss Corine Fussell, October 30th, 1914. To this union was born 8 children, 6 girls, 2 boys, of which 6 are living now. He has been a minister in the Church of God about eight years. He preached the Gospel uncompromisingly until about two years ago, when he had to give up the work on account of ill health. That much dreaded disease "T. B." having sunk its deadly fangs into his life. Many prayers were offered for his healing by many different people, but somehow God, who doeth all things well, saw best to take him away, though he will be missed among us; his footsteps will be heard no more in the home, the choir, by the fireside nor anywhere. His voice is hushed in silent death, yet we sorrow not as those who have no hope, for he testified that he was ready to go. The writer asked him a few hours before his departure if the way was clear before him, with everything out of the way. He nodded his head in the affirmative, not being able to speak. He was conscious till the last, recognizing everyone that came in to see him, greeting his little ones with pleasant smiles when they came near his bedside. He leaves, beside his wife and six children, father, mother, one brother and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his loss. His funeral

eral was ably preached by our pastor, Brother R. E. Drymon and his body laid to rest in the Linden, Florida cemetery to await the resurrection morning.—A brother in Christ who loved him.

MARCUM

One of our good sisters, Mrs. Leslie Marcum, departed this life March 2, 1928. She was seventy-four years of age. She joined the Baptist church when she was fourteen years old, and lived a good, loyal life. When she saw the light on the Church of God, she came in and lived loyal and true until she died. She lived by faith and died by faith. Brother E. K. Bennett conducted the funeral service here at Fonde, Ky.—Jim Simpson.

NEUBY

Mrs. W. M. Neuby, our sister, departed this life Jan. 26, 1928. She was sixty-six years of age and is survived by two sisters and two brothers, was the mother of six girls and three boys. She lived a true Christian life, was a devoted child of God. She told her sister the night before her death that she was ready to go any hour. She had just received the baptism a few days before her death. We weep not as those who have no hope for we expect to meet Sister Neuby on the other side.—Albert Wright, clerk.

LEE

Miss Willie Lee was born April 30, 1902 and departed this life Dec. 29, 1927. She leaves to mourn her loss a father, five sisters, three brothers and a host of friends.

She professed religion when twelve years of age and lived a consistent Christian ever since. At her death she was a member of the Church of God at Cleveland, Tenn.

GOODIN

On November 4, 1927 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Goodin and claimed their darling baby, Dorris Imogene, born Feb. 22, 1927, age eight months and twelve days.

Weep not father and mother, for little Dorris is at rest and if we all live true to God, we will meet her in Heaven.

All was done for her that loving hands could do, but Jesus had a mansion prepared for her. She leaves to mourn her death a father, mother, four sisters and three brothers. We weep not as those who have no hope for we know our loss is Heaven's gain.

Jesus needed little Dorris, Just to fill a little place, In the heavenly home up yonder, No one else could fill her place.

A precious one from us is gone, A voice we loved is still; A place is vacant in our home Which never can be filled.

Precious darling, she has left us, Left us, yes for ever more,

But we hope to meet our darling On that bright and happy shore.

She is gone but not forgotten. Written by her aunt, Mrs. H. S. Dearman, Drew, Miss. Route 2, Box 137.

WAINRIGHT

On Jan. 26, 1928 the death angel visited the home of Sister Mattie Sue Wainright and took her to her home for which she had been working for some time. Sister Wainright made a profession early in life and became a member of the Free Will Baptist church, but later the light of sanctification shone about her and she gladly walked in it, then she was turned out of the F. W. Baptist church, but was happy with the holiness people and was loved by many. She was continually seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It is believed by some that she received the Holy Ghost in her dying hour for she spoke in a language that could not be understood.

Sister Wainright will be missed around her home and in the community in which she lived. She was fifty-eight years, eight months and twelve days old. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, six sons, three daughters, three brothers, one sister and many friends. Funeral services were conducted by the writer and she was laid to rest in the Wainright cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

We loved her, yes we loved her, But Jesus loved her more, And He has sweetly called her To yonder's blissful shore.

The golden gates were open A gentle voice said come, And with a sad farewell unspoken, She calmly entered home.—E. D. Melton, Greenville, N. C. Box 343.

SPRIGES

On Feb. 4, 1928 the death angel visited the home of our Sister Minnie Spriges and took her husband, leaving her and one daughter with many other friends to mourn his loss. If we will hold out faithful, we believe our mourning will turn to rejoicing after a while. The writer talked to Brother Spriges a few weeks before his death, and all of his talk was about the Bible and his future abode. We believe that the good Lord had warned him of his death.

Brother Spriges had been a minister of the Christian church for many years before he became disabled to get about his work. He always said there was more for him and he believed in holiness. He said if he ever preached any more, he would preach holiness.

The funeral was conducted at his home. Many tears were shed and hearts were sad on account of sin. Let us not let sin reign in our mortal bodies that when the appointed time shall come, we will meet Brother Spriges where there will be no more parting.

One by one earth's ties are broken As we see our love decay, And the hopes so fondly cherished Brighten but to pass away.

One by one our hopes grow brighter As we near the shining shore, For we know across the river Wait the loved ones gone before.—Pastor in charge.

BURGESS

On April 5th, Thursday night, fifteen minutes before 12:00 o'clock the death angel visited our church—Joseph Chapel near Cleveland, Miss., and claimed for its victim our dear pastor, Brother G. L. Burgess. He was also district pastor of the Clarksdale District. We can truthfully say that Brother Burgess loved the Church of God. I have heard him say that he would give his life for the Cause. We surely hated to give him up, but God knew best. He trusted the Lord to the end. He died in the faith. The last words I heard him say were, "Lord I am in your hands." He pastored Mount Zion church last year, near Indianola. He helped the people there to build a church. He was pastoring at Joseph Chapel this year and had just helped the people there build a nice church, but we weep not as those that have no hope. Sleep on Brother Burgess, we will do all we can to help your children follow your steps and by the grace of God we will meet you on the sweet banks of deliverance. His body was laid to rest near Sumner, Miss. The funeral was conducted by the writer.—C. G. Edwards.

GONE TO HER REWARD (This testimony was found written in Sister Richardson's tablet after her death.)

HOWARD, Kan.—I want to testify for Jesus this afternoon. My heart is overflowing with joy, and I am thanking and praising our Lord for His goodness to me. I am glad that I am saved and sanctified with Jesus' blood. I want to say that Jesus is still answering prayer. When He saved me, He took the desire of the world out of my heart and now I get hungry for more of the Church of God sermons. There are no Church of God people here. I belong to the blessed Church of God at Pittsburg, Kan., and do not get to hear of it very often. I read the Evangel and don't know what I would do without it. It is comfort to my soul. I have many loved ones, who are not saved and

are not enjoying this good blessing of the Lord. Ah how I would rejoice to see them all saved and come into this good way. I ask you to pray for them that they may hear more of God's Word, that they may come into the fold before it is too late, also pray that God will keep me humble at His feet.—Mrs. Julia F. Richardson.

RICHARDSON

On March 9th, 1928 the death angel visited the home of Mrs. Gertie Friend and claimed for its victim, our dear mother, Mrs. Julia F. Richardson, age seventy-one years and five months and twenty-four days. She was a true Christian, was saved and sanctified and a member of the Church of God. One son, three daughters and her husband had passed on before her. All was done that loving hands could do, but God knew best and called her home. She leaves to mourn her death, eight sons and four daughters. Most of them were at her bedside when she passed away. Funeral services were conducted by Sister Garnette Gunter of Piedmont, Kan. and her body was laid in the Piedmont cemetery to await the coming of the Lord.

I hear the low wind sweeping, Thru every bush and tree; Where my dear mother's sleeping, Away from home and me.

Tears from my eyes are flowing, Deep sorrow shades my brow; Cold in the grave she's sleeping, I have no mother now.

I see the pale moon shining, On mother's white tombstone; The rose bush round it twining, It's just like me alone.

It's just like me a weeping, Cold dewdrops dampen my brow; Cold in the grave she's sleeping, I have no mother now.

My life is now so lonely, My heart is troubled sore; Her dearest presence only, Could make me weep no more.

She's gone from me to Heaven, Deep sorrow shades my brow; The sacred tie is broken, I have no mother now.

Sad was the hour of parting, She said in words so sweet; "My loved ones I am dying, In Heaven we must meet."

O yes, I'll meet you mother, On that eternal shore; There we will live together, Where parting is no more.

Come now ye orphan children, Who sorrow here below; And join me in a promise, You will to glory go.

And when our labor is ended, And time shall be no more; We then will live with mother, Where parting is no more. Richardson children.

REQUEST

I am writing a special request that everyone pray for my husband. He is a lost sinner and I have prayed for him; talked to him and he seems to get worse and has something bad to say about every Christian. Now old Satan is trying to make me believe writing this will do no good, but I never will give up. I mean to hold on and pray until God hears and answers prayer and somehow I feel if I can get some sure enough Christians to help me I will win. Now I am not a member of the Church of God, but I read the dear paper and I am sure it has helped to make me what I am, for I am sure it is the right way. Pray for me that I may live better each day and rear my four children as God would have me to. May God bless everyone of you is my prayer.—A silent reader in Georgia.

LEAVE IT ALL WITH GOD

MONROE, La.—I am praising God for His wonderful love to me. As I look over the past when I was in sin and think of how God lifted my feet and placed them on the solid rock, Christ Jesus, added me to the great Church of God and gave me the precious Holy Ghost that still abides, I often wonder if we appreciate these blessings enough.

He also heals our bodies, has healed me so many times. Praise His name! Please pray for me that I will be faithful unto death. The testing time is on and we must be true. Work, watch and leave it all with Jesus, for He alone can safely take you thru.—Mrs. G. C. Dunn, Motor Route A. S.

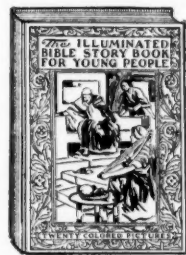
BAR THE GATES AND GO ON GUARD

DEERFIELD, Va. This place was in a critical condition when God sent me here to comfort the few saints who were still clinging together. Praise the Lord, He wonderfully blessed us until we now have a membership of twenty-four and about that many more are looking this way. I have never in all my experience saw a band of worshippers cling together as they do here. Our love is knit together as that of David and Jonathan. Sometimes when we find that we are threatened, we bar the gates and go on guard with the Sword of the Spirit, and we come out victorious. Amen!

Yes, we are increasing and improving in the work of the Lord. When I came here, I could not see all of my congregation, as I am a man of small stature and there was no rostrum. Now we have a good rostrum and everything in order. They had no parsonage when I came, but the saints and some big-hearted outsiders met and decided to build one. With the Lord's help, the aid of the saints and outsiders, it was soon completed.

The devil surely has worked here. There were hitters and knockers, but I visited them, going first to the worst ones. I invited them to service, telling them how we needed their help in the singing, etc., and talked so fast that they did not have time to say anything, and before I left them they were good friends. Some of the worst ones are warm friends and are looking this way. We have been getting along so smoothly that we are expecting to hear some howling soon. We ask the prayers of all the saints.—R. L. Rexrode, pastor.

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